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25X1 Current developments in VVB's GUS, Mewa, MM, Textina, Ifa, and VMI for October-
25X1 December 1950 are described below.

VVB GUS (Guss und Schmiedearzaeugnisse)

1. VEB Wirkmaschinenbau, Chemnitz, was to be transferred to VVB Textima on 1 January 1951.
 2. The duplex process is to be introduced at the VEB Leipziger Eisen-und Stahlwerke in order to raise the output of electro steel. This firm was to deliver 18 cast-steel ships' screws in November, and 20 in December. VEB Elektro-Stahlgußwerk, Leipzig-West, was to deliver 15 and 20 screws during the same months. The SKK has ordered two bronze screws, each weighing 5-6 tons. These will be manufactured by the Giesserei und Eisenwerk Waren/Ecklenburg.
 3. VEB Eisengießerei Harthau is making crankcases for a reparations order for Maschinenfabrik Germania, Chemnitz; the proportion of rejects is very high.

VVB Kewa (Metallwarenindustrie)

4. The gas lamp factory at Beierfeld (sic, presumably Otto Junghans Metallwarenfabrik) is to manufacture 100,000 lamps. The manufacture of cardboard canisters at this factory was to come to an end at the end of October. Wismut A.G. Siegmarschönau, has placed an order for one million cardboard canisters with VVB Meva.
 5. VVB Meva was to take over from VVB Sanar, Werk Polte, Magdeburg, the manufacture of aluminum household ware, film packs, spinning spools and milk separators on 1 January 1951.
 6. Spring steel wire is urgently needed by VEB Werk Wilhausen. Attempts are being made to procure it in Western Germany and inquiries are to be made in Austria and Poland.
 7. A demagnetising apparatus is urgently needed by Elfa-Werke, Elsterwerda.
 8. A factor in Leipzig will take over the production of gas lamps from Julius Pintsch, Berlin, and the manufacture of Petromax lamps from the Graetz A.G., Berlin.

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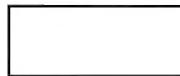
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9. The Schlauchwerk, Zwickau, plans to start production of red-brass tubing. CAG Mansfelder Kupfer-Werke, Nettstedt and H.A. Metallurgie are being consulted as to the availability of the seamless copper-alloy material required for this program.
10. A conference was to take place on 20 November 1950 between representatives of Fortuna Werke, Suhl, and the EKM Bergmann Elektrizitätswerke, Berlin, concerning the allocation of orders for turbine blades to Meusa. The Fortuna Werke is to start manufacturing turbine blades.

25X1 11. An order has been received [redacted] for 2,300 sporting guns.

12. The manufacture by VEB Ernst Thaelmann, Suhl, of carbine stocks was stopped, because the stocks of red beech wood were exhausted. There is a shortage of the special machines needed for the production of stocks in the DDR. Further manufacture is necessary because of the urgent police orders, and help is being sought from MA Leichtindustrie.
13. The Volkspolizei has placed orders for 28,000 whistles in 1950 and 60,000 in 1951.

VVB WIM

14. VVB WIM has been instructed to investigate the possibilities of using sheet metal and pressed-wood cages for ball bearings, as opposed to solid cages.
15. The nationalization program includes the amalgamation of Fräsmaschinenbau, Chemnitz, and Vanderer-Fräsmaschinenbau, Siegmar-Schönau; Deutsche Wiles-Werke, Chemnitz, and Drehbankbau, Chemnitz; Elbe Werke, Dresden, with Alemannia-Maschinenbau, Dresden. The construction of grinding machinery is to be transferred from Werkzeug- und Werkzeugmaschinenfabrik, Chemnitz, to Marathon-Werke, Chemnitz. It is planned to transfer the production of "Spinnpumpen" (for artificial fibers) to VVB Textina, and of rumps for machine tools to an unspecified factory.

VVB Textina

16. The 1951 reparations orders for household sewing machines and industrial sewing machines are valued at DM (Ost) 3.5 million and DM (Ost) 1 million respectively.
17. The development of spinning machinery is to be concentrated on. Attempts are to be made to fit a machine with Hispano spindles.

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VVB I^a (Vereinigung Volkseigener Fahrzeugwerke)

18. The manufacturing program for October was:

40 hp tractor	1,850
30 hp tractor	1,100
22 hp tractor	1,429
H. 3. A.	30
1 1/2 ton Fliegenren	650
3/4 ton truck	300
F.8	2,200
F.9	140
WT 125	720

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19. A contract has been signed [redacted] which will deliver 1,150 tons of sheet metal to the DDR. This means that 12 bodies can be made daily for the F.9. car, if three shifts are worked. Seventy F.9. automobiles, which have been adapted for use in the tropics, are to be sent to Brazil.
20. Manufacture of 40 hp tractors is to be transferred from Werk Horch, Zwickau, to Schlepperwerk, Nordhausen. Manufacture of the 22 hp tractors was to cease at the end of November, when it was expected that 1,650 would have been made. Production of the U.3.A motor truck is to be speeded up. Production of a 60 hp caterpillar tractor is to be started.
21. The work in progress on the all-steel coachwork of the F.8. and all developments on the F.9. was to be stopped immediately. Research and further developmental work on the caterpillar truck with 30 hp motor was also to be stopped immediately.
22. It is planned to manufacture 50 Diesel carts. These will have a 5.6 hr Steudel motor; the design originated with SAG Transmasch, Leipzig.
- VVB VE (Elektromaschinbau)
23. Two thousand tons of dynamic sheets were lacking. These were needed in order to complete the 1950 plan.
24. There is a serious shortage of cotton-insulated-copper wire. The VVB VEM required 225 tons for November, but the Mansfeld Kupfer Werke was occupied with an export order for VAG Kabel (Vogel C. J. Draht-und-Kabelwerke AG) Berlin-Koerenick.
25. The Elbtalwerk Heidenau has received an order for 500 AC slip-ring-induction motors for delivery to the DDR. One hundred were already finished.

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